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## House of Representatives

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEARCE).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 14, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STEVAN PEARCE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2005, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. McCOTTER) for 5 minutes.

### PLANT CLOSURE IN WIXOM, MICHIGAN

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, these are difficult times in southeastern Michigan, where the heirs to the arsenal of democracy still manufacture the best products in the world. In fact, this weekend the Ford Motor Company announced its Wixom assembly plant will incur an employee reduction of 11 percent when its Thunderbird line ends.

While we in my district are encouraged, the affected workers will be offered other positions at other Ford fa-

cilities. We nevertheless urge Ford to provide this assembly plant a new product line and, in so doing, keep the best workers in the world working in Wixom, Michigan.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m. today.

□ 1400

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) at 2 p.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

God, always just and source of goodness and life, when life and problems are overwhelming, we turn to You. Help this Nation to see clearly its next step in history. Deepen the faith of the men and women who serve in Congress that they make their moves boldly and decisively because You are with them.

In a world of heightened violence and floating anger, people conflicted and helpless need Your guidance and the witness of faithful people steeped in virtue and committed to justice. May the ultimate effect of the actions of this House secure the freedom of Your people and bring order to households and communities everywhere. We ask Your blessing now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COOPER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COOPER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 250. An act to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-286, the Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, appoints the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

The Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), Chairman.

The Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK).

The Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH).

The Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), and

The Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1928a-1928d of title 22, United States Code, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Member as Vice

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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